

friendly counsel, or finds himself or herself in difficulties of any kind, or meets with hardships or injustice, we would have them look to us as their friend and let us, so far as it lies in our power, be of service to them. We should like to know that we have the confidence of every one of those under our charge, or who have passed through our hands, and to feel that, as Dr. Barnardo's representatives in Canada, we are really taking, to some extent, the place of parents and natural guardians. Will our boys and girls accept from us this assurance, and realize and remember that we wish them to regard us as sincerely their friends and willing and ready to stand by them, to come to their aid in any distress or difficulty, and to do all and everything in our power to promote their interests and to help them on in life.



After Twenty  
Years.

THE present year is a particularly interesting and important stage in our history, inasmuch as a score of years have now passed over the head of Dr. Barnardo's work in Canada, and we can look back over the records of twenty years in estimating the results accomplished, and the value and success of the movement as an agency for social improvement, Imperial development, and Christian philanthropy. Truly can we say that it has been a mighty instrument for good in the hands of God, and when we reflect upon the 12,131 who have begun life in Canada under Dr. Barnardo's auspices, and of whom so many are doing well and growing up as honourable, self-supporting, prosperous members of the community, we may indeed claim for our emigration work that it stands in the forefront of the great enterprises of the day as a practical and successful effort to cope with pressing and perplexing evils and as a witness to the power and fruitfulness of wisely organized Christian benevolence. It has advanced from stage to stage, in spite

of all obstacles and opposition, and in the face of no little harsh prejudice and unfriendly criticism. We do not wish to lay stress upon this attitude toward our work on the part of certain classes in Canada, but it is no use denying its existence; and we believe it has had often a beneficial effect, and that we may regard the attempt that has been made at times to misrepresent our methods and hamper our operations as among the "all things" that have "worked together" for our good. It has served to stimulate our exertions and brace our activity, and we much doubt whether, had all men spoken well of us, the work would have reached its present state of efficiency and widely extended usefulness.



WE have spoken of  
Early Dr. Barnardo's emi-  
Beginnings. gration work having  
been in existence for

twenty years, but, as a matter of fact, long before the despatch of the first personally conducted party he had sent out through other agencies, or as opportunity offered, single emigrants or small parties of twos and threes, the number of boys and girls included in these dribblets reaching the respectable total of six hundred and forty. The year 1882, however, witnessed the commencement, on its present basis, of the Canadian emigration work as a definitely organized department of Dr. Barnardo's Mission, and in August of that year a party of fifty-one boys left London under the charge of Mr. Fielder, then governor of the Boys' Home. By an arrangement with Dr. Stephenson, of the Methodist Children's Homes, this pioneer party was received and distributed from the Home at Hamilton, and in these early stages of the work much valued help and counsel were obtained from Dr. and Mrs. Evans, then in charge of Dr. Stephenson's work in Canada. In the Autumn of 1882 the first Canadian Distributing Home was opened at Toronto in